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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
Vladimir MATENA)
Serial No. 09/849,605)
Filed: November 20, 2000)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)
FOR RELIABLE DISK FENCING)
IN A MULTICOMPUTER)
SYSTEM)

Group Art Unit: 2184

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed documents, were previously cited by the PTO or previously submitted in prior applications: Serial No. 08/552,316, filing date November 2, 1995 and Serial No. 09/023,074, filing date February 13, 1998, upon which Applicant relies on for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

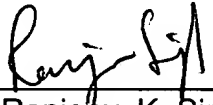
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